



Northumberland Association of Local Councils

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Briefings

We are in the course of preparing the programme for 2020 and would welcome thoughts on two potential whole-day events.

[Managing Allotments](#)

The potential concept is for an external trainer to lead a workshop on the issues faced by a local council in managing allotments and possible ideas for the future.

[VAT for registered councils](#)

In 2019, we held an introductory session on VAT. The concept for this workshop would be for those councils who are already registered for VAT or who may register in the near future. It would look at issues arising including with on-line reporting.

Please let us know by the end of February if you think your Council is likely to attend either or both of these events (subject of course to the date being suitable).

Vacancy for a Clerk

Falstone Parish Council are seeking a clerk

Approx 3 hours per week.

Contact falstonepc@yahoo.co.uk before 10 February 2020.

The Northumberland Joint Local Access Forum

The next meeting is on 30 January 2020 at the National Park HQ in Hexham. More information is available via

<https://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/about-us/looking-after-the-park/joint-local-access-forum/>

The forum will be seeking new members in the near future and I hope that a future Enews will contain details.

The Rural Community Energy Fund

The Rural Community Energy Fund aims to support rural communities across England looking to develop community led renewable energy projects. Developing renewable energy at a community level can provide financial benefits to the local community whilst also reducing emissions and meeting climate change commitments. The fund offers the opportunity to cover the up-front costs that are often prohibitive to community scale energy projects. Some of the technologies that can be explored include solar PV, heat pumps, hydropower and low carbon heat networks.

There are two stages to the funding. The first stage is for communities that are just beginning to explore options for renewable energy generation, this stage offers grants of up to £40,000 to cover consultancy and professional costs to determine if a project idea is feasible. The second stage offers a

Parish and town councils across rural Northumberland are eligible for this funding. To see if your council is eligible or for more information about the fund please [contact Josh Sawyer by phone on 07584154510 or via email - \[josh.sawyer@nelep.co.uk\]\(mailto:josh.sawyer@nelep.co.uk\)](#)



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